JSC Standards of Ethical Conduct Determination [Section 2635.204(g)(2)-(6) -- Widely Attended Gatherings]

On March 11, 2004, the Rotary National Award for Space Achievement (RNASA) Foundation of Houston is holding the 18th annual banquet for presentation of the United States space community's most prestigious National Space Trophy. This year the trophy will be awarded to Mr. Neil A. Armstrong, former astronaut and CEO, Emeritus, EDO Corporation. The banquet will be held at the Hyatt Regency Houston in downtown Houston. The reception will begin at 6:00 p.m. and is followed at 7:00 p.m. by dinner and the awards ceremony.

Previous Trophy winners include: Dr. Maxime Faget, Norman Augustine, Lt. Gen. Thomas Stafford, E. C. "Pete" Aldridge, Former U.S. President George H. W. Bush, Dr. Christopher C. Kraft, Jr., John W. Young, and last year, Roy S. Estess. In addition to the presentation to Mr. Armstrong, Stellar Awards and the Space Communicator Award, will be presented to recognize outstanding individuals and teams from industry and government who have made significant contributions to the future of our nation's space program.

People from JSC, the aerospace community, and other community businesses have been invited to attend this event. The event is of direct interest to NASA and serves as a forum for facilitating the widest practicable dissemination of information concerning the Agency, the U.S. civilian space programs, and JSC educational and community outreach.

It is my determination that it is in the Agency's interest for JSC attendees and their guest to attend this event. Their attendance outweighs any concern that the acceptance of any benefits may, or may appear to improperly influence any NASA employee in the performance of official duties.

Accordingly, JSC invitees and their guests are authorized to attend and to accept any food, refreshments, and parking offered in conjunction with this event, at no cost.

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